

Sample Army Intelligence Test, 1917

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These are real questions from tests used by the U.S. Army during WWI to measure intelligence of recruits.

TEST 3

This is a test of common sense. Below are sixteen questions. Three answers are given to each question. You are to look at the answers carefully; then make a cross in the square before the best answer to each question, as in the sample:

SAMPLE { Why do we use stoves? Because
☐ they look well
☒ they keep us warm
☐ they are black

Here the second answer is the best one and is marked with a cross. Begin with No. 1 and keep on until time is called.

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| <p>1 Cats are useful animals, because
 <input type="checkbox"/> they catch mice
 <input type="checkbox"/> they are gentle
 <input type="checkbox"/> they are afraid of dogs</p> <p>2 Why are pencils more commonly carried than fountain pens? Because
 <input type="checkbox"/> they are brightly colored
 <input type="checkbox"/> they are cheaper
 <input type="checkbox"/> they are not so heavy</p> <p>3 Why is leather used for shoes? Because
 <input type="checkbox"/> it is produced in all countries
 <input type="checkbox"/> it wears well
 <input type="checkbox"/> it is an animal product</p> <p>4 Why judge a man by what he does rather than by what he says? Because
 <input type="checkbox"/> what a man does shows what he really is
 <input type="checkbox"/> it is wrong to tell a lie
 <input type="checkbox"/> a deaf man cannot hear what is said</p> <p>5 If you were asked what you thought of a person whom you didn't know, what should you say?
 <input type="checkbox"/> I will go and get acquainted
 <input type="checkbox"/> I think he is all right
 <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know him and can't say</p> | <p>9 Why do many persons prefer automobiles to street cars? Because
 <input type="checkbox"/> an auto is made of higher grade materials
 <input type="checkbox"/> an automobile is more convenient
 <input type="checkbox"/> street cars are not as safe</p> <p>10 The feathers on a bird's wings help him to fly because they
 <input type="checkbox"/> make a wide, light surface
 <input type="checkbox"/> keep the air off his body
 <input type="checkbox"/> keep the wings from cooling off too fast</p> <p>11 All traffic going one way keeps to the same side of the street because
 <input type="checkbox"/> most people are right handed
 <input type="checkbox"/> the traffic policeman insists on it
 <input type="checkbox"/> it avoids confusion and collisions</p> <p>12 Why do inventors patent their inventions? Because
 <input type="checkbox"/> it gives them control of their inventions.
 <input type="checkbox"/> it creates a greater demand
 <input type="checkbox"/> it is the custom to get patents</p> <p>13 Freezing water bursts pipes because
 <input type="checkbox"/> cold makes the pipes weaker
 <input type="checkbox"/> water expands when it freezes
 <input type="checkbox"/> the ice stops the flow of water</p> |
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If you didn't speak English or couldn't read, you were given picture tests. Draw in what is missing in each picture.

